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23 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, and a jury

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1 (Trial resumed.)

2 (In open court; jury not present.)

3 Jesus Reynaldo Zambada Garcia, resumed.

4 THE COURT: Good morning.

5 Let's bring in the jury, please.

6 (Jury present.)

7 THE COURT: All right. Everyone be seated. Good

8 morning, ladies and gentlemen of the jury. Hope you had a

9 good evening. We will continue with direct examination.

10 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Thank you, your Honor.

11 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 Q Good morning, Mr. Zambada.

14 A Good morning.

15 Q I'm going to follow-up on some things that you testified  
16 about yesterday. You testified yesterday that you referred to  
17 the defendant was Mi Compa Chapo, what does Mi Compa mean?

18 A It is an expression used for friendship with a person.

19 Q How did your brother Mayo refer to the defendant?

20 A In the same way.

21 Q Mi Compa Chapo?

22 A Every time he referred to him, he said that, Mi Compa  
23 Chapo.

24 Q Yesterday you testified that the Sinaloa Cartel had  
25 several different types of the workers. Approximately how

1 many different types of the workers did you have working for  
2 you in your drug business at the time of your arrest in 2008?

3 A Between 30 and 40.

4 Q Were you able to observe the workers of the other leaders  
5 of the Sinaloa Cartel?

6 A At times.

7 Q And approximately how many did you observe during your  
8 time in the cartel, how many workers?

9 A Hundreds.

10 Q Approximately how many workers did you observe who worked  
11 for the defendant between the years 2002 and 2008?

12 A 40, 50.

13 Q You testified yesterday that the defendant had a worker  
14 in Mexico City named Martin Moreno. Who is Martin Moreno?

15 A It was a person who was arrested with him, when he was  
16 arrested in Guatemala and I met him in Mexico City as a worker  
17 of his.

18 Q Of the defendant's?

19 A Yes, of the defendant, El Chapo.

20 Q Mr. Zambada, just taking a step back, the word compa, is  
21 that short for something?

22 A Well, compadre is a word used about a relationship  
23 between two people, but it has to do with a religious act  
24 about with a child. But the word compa is used to talk about  
25 a friend, who is a very good friend, that kind of

1 relationship.

2 Q You testified yesterday that cocaine in Colombia cost  
3 about \$3,000 per kilogram?

4 A That's right.

5 Q Was that \$3,000 the price of the cocaine alone or did it  
6 include operational costs?

7 A It includes the operational costs of transport from  
8 Colombia to Mexico.

9 Q And approximately how much does that transport cost?

10 A Approximately \$500.

11 Q And from the period of 1998 until your arrest in 2008 did  
12 the price of cocaine vary at all?

13 A Yes.

14 Q How did it vary?

15 A It may vary depending on the place, between two and  
16 \$3,000.

17 Q What would cause that price of cocaine to vary?

18 A When there is not a lot of supply of the product it tends  
19 to go up.

20 Q The price goes up?

21 A Yes. The price of cocaine, if there's not a lot of it,  
22 then that cost -- the demand causes the price to go up.

23 Q You testified yesterday that the size of the investment  
24 the defendant and your brother Mayo had together was six tons.  
25 What does that six-ton figure refer to?

1 A Well, I was in charge of the warehouses in Mexico City  
2 where I received the shipments of cocaine for my brother Mayo  
3 and Joaquin Guzman Loera. These shipments would normally be  
4 about five, six, seven tons. And they would have a frequency  
5 of four or five times a year.

6 Q Approximately how many times did cocaine shipments of the  
7 six-ton size come to your warehouse for the defendant and your  
8 brother Mayo between 2002 and 2006?

9 A Four years, approximately 20.

10 Q What is the largest shipment you are aware of the  
11 defendant and your brother Mayo doing together during their  
12 entire partnership?

13 A Well, at one time I was -- I became aware that they were  
14 planning to bring a shipment of cocaine from Panama.

15 Q How large was that?

16 A This shipment was going to come in a merchant ship and it  
17 was 30 tons.

18 Q Now, you testified yesterday that you were in charge of  
19 Mexico City for the cartel?

20 A That's right.

21 Q In addition to supervising the warehouses, what were your  
22 main responsibilities in Mexico City for the cartel?

23 A Controlling the airport in Mexico City and also the  
24 governmental authorities to provide security, to the movement  
25 -- drug trafficking movements that the cartel had within the



1 ci ty.

2 Q Now, when you say you had responsibilities with regard to  
3 the authorities, what do you mean by that?

4 A Well, I did this through bribes for high ranking police  
5 officers, officials.

6 Q And for what purpose would you give bribes to these high  
7 ranking officials?

8 A So that they would give protection and security to the  
9 drug trafficking movements of the cartel. And security for  
10 the leaders, for myself and for the workers.

11 Q And what were these corrupt officials protecting the  
12 leaders and the drug trafficking from?

13 A Well, it was protection against police operations that  
14 would come out from Mexico City to capture in different points  
15 where they were located, mainly in Sinaloa.

16 Q So what did you receive in return for these bribe  
17 payments to government officials?

18 A In general, security for the cartel.

19 Q What did that entail?

20 A It meant that it provided security for any drug  
21 trafficking movements that the cartel had in Mexico City and  
22 anywhere else in the Mexican Republic and to their leaders.

23 Q Are you aware of the process the Sinaloa Cartel used to  
24 corrupt government officials?

25 A Yes.

1 Q How do you know about that?

2 A Well, I did it.

3 Q You did what?

4 A One of my activities was to corrupt authorities in Mexico  
5 City. You do that through friends, you know, that you have  
6 within the police from many years before.

7 Q Can you just please describe for the jury the process  
8 that you used to corrupt government officials?

9 A Yes, of course.

10 This is done through bribes, money, especially U.S.  
11 dollars. Normally, it's police that you have known for many  
12 years who are trusted people. They introduce new police  
13 officers to work with the cartel, through lawyers and  
14 professionals, people who have different professions.

15 Q Now, when you would make these bribe payments, did you do  
16 it just on your behalf or did you do it on the behalf of  
17 others?

18 A No. I did it on my behalf and on behalf of the cartel,  
19 who were my brother Mayo Zambada and Chapo Guzman.

20 Q Did you personally make bribe payments for the defendant?

21 A Yes.

22 Q To whom did you pay bribes for the defendant?

23 A Military authorities.

24 Q Any specific ones?

25 A Yes. On one occasion to military special ops and on a

1 different occasion to a general.

2 Q Who was the general you paid a bribe to for the  
3 defendant?

4 A General Toledano.

5 Q Approximately when did you pay that bribe for the  
6 defendant to General Toledano?

7 A Approximately in the year 2004.

8 Q And who is General Toledano?

9 A General Toledano at that time was working in the Guerrero  
10 Plaza in Chilpancingo specifically.

11 Q Let me show you Government's Exhibit 502.

12 THE COURT: Is this in evidence?

13 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: It's in evidence, your Honor.

14 Q Can you indicate on the map, on Government's Exhibit 502,  
15 where Guerrero is located?

16 A Here.

17 Q And that's on the coast?

18 A This is the coast here. Here, Guerrero. I'm looking for  
19 the capital city but I can't find it.

20 Q Let me see if I can zoom it in here.

21 A I think it's around here.

22 Acapulco. I can't find Chilpancingo. But the  
23 capitol is Chilpancingo.

24 Q Who asked you to bribe General Toledano?

25 A Chapo.

1 Q And approximately how much did he ask you to pay the  
2 general?

3 A He asked me to go give him \$100,000 from him, to go say  
4 hello to him and to give him his greetings.

5 Q The defendant asked you to do that, give him \$100,000?

6 A That's right.

7 Q What was the bribe to General Toledano for?

8 A Well, at that time I was going to lead some drug  
9 trafficking activity. I was going to import cocaine from  
10 Colombia through Guerrero. I spoke about that with Joaquin  
11 Guzman Loera and with my brother Mayo. And Chapo told me, you  
12 know, General Toledano is there, he's a friend of mine. Go  
13 see him on my behalf and give him a hundred thousand dollars.

14 Q Did he say what it was for?

15 A Just that he was sending it to him as a gift and to greet  
16 him for him and to send him a hug and to notify him that I was  
17 going to be working around there in that state, to General  
18 Toledano.

19 Q Can you explain to the jury all the government officials  
20 you paid bribes to while you were at the cartel?

21 A Yes, certainly.

22 Q Go ahead.

23 A Well, mainly I would pay the commander of the PGR. They  
24 call him Yankee. That's the commander of the plaza. The  
25 federal highway police who also managed ports and airports,

1 district judicial police and district police, Interpol as  
2 well.

3 Q Can you just remind the jury please what the PGR is?

4 A The PGR is a general attorney general office of the  
5 Republic of Mexico. The police, the federal judicial police  
6 depend on this department. And different intelligence and  
7 operations groups, they have certain subdivisions within it.

8 Q Now, based on your experience, who of the government  
9 officials would the Sinaloa Cartel try to corrupt first before  
10 anyone else?

11 A Well, if we're speaking about the states, mainly the  
12 governor and the attorney general, director of the judicial  
13 police and director of the municipal police and on the  
14 republic national level the national attorney general and for  
15 the different departments the PGR, the federal highway police,  
16 the SIEDO.

17 Q What is SIEDO?

18 A Well, at the time that I was working with the cartel,  
19 this was the most important intelligence and operations group  
20 within the PGR.

21 Q Now, just to be clear, Mr. Zambada, is Mexico like the  
22 United States in that it has a state government and federal  
23 government structure?

24 A That's right.

25 Q And state as well?

1 A Yes. Yes. The federal judicial police and the state  
2 police. It's like saying D.C. Washington and all the states  
3 in the United States. That's how the federal district and all  
4 the states are managed and that is Mexico City.

5 Q And would the cartel try to corrupt officials in both the  
6 state and the federal level?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Now, based on your knowledge and experience,  
9 approximately how much money did you pay in bribes to the  
10 government officials on behalf of the leaders of the cartel?

11 A In Mexico City around 300 dollars per month were paid --  
12 300,000, \$300,000.

13 Q \$300,000 per month was paid to officials in Mexico City?

14 A More or less.

15 Q And that's what you paid personally, correct?

16 A Correct, because that was the plaza that I was managing.

17 Q And how would you break that down? Was that 300,000  
18 total to everyone you were paying?

19 A Yes, correct. You would give part to the director of the  
20 federal attorney general's office, the Yankee, the federal  
21 highway police, the director of the judicial police, the  
22 director of the municipal police, the director of homicides,  
23 airport authorities. All that added up to more or less around  
24 \$300,000 monthly.

25 Q Now, you have named a lot of different types of

1 officials. Were there some officials who were not taking  
2 bribes?

3 A Oh, yes, of course.

4 Q Were you aware of who handled bribing the highest level  
5 authorities on the federal level for the cartel?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And how do you know about that?

8 A Because I'm the brother of Ismael Zambada Garcia El Mayo  
9 and I had knowledge of how my brother made those very high  
10 level payments together with El Chapo.

11 Q What did your brother Mayo tell you about the high level  
12 officials he was paying for himself and the defendant?

13 A Well, I realized that because I was managing the money of  
14 my brother Mayo in Mexico City and he would say, as an  
15 example, I'll give half a million dollars to the attorney who  
16 is going to give it to the director of the PGR or give another  
17 500,000 to a general, for example. For the cartel, the very  
18 high level authorities it was my brother Mayo and El Chapo  
19 who managed that and they did it using lawyers. But I was the  
20 one that gave out the money in Mexico City because I was in  
21 Mexico City, many times.

22 Q Mr. Zambada, do you know what a plaza is in the drug  
23 trafficking world?

24 A Yes, of course.

25 Q How do you know?

1 A I was in charge of one.

2 Q Which one?

3 A Mexico City.

4 Q Can you explain to the jury what a plaza is in drug  
5 trafficking?

6 A A plaza is a territory which a drug trafficking leader  
7 manages, to give security to the drug trafficking operations  
8 and work that the cartel has within that territory.

9 Q And how does one do that, to give security in that plaza?

10 A Well, it starts with the support of the authorities.  
11 That's why one has to have the control over the authorities.  
12 And with the support of armed groups always, Sicarios.

13 Q Can more than one drug cartel control a plaza in the same  
14 city?

15 A No.

16 Q Why not?

17 A Because normally the authorities only work with one  
18 cartel.

19 Q Now, based on your experience, what did one member of  
20 Sinaloa have to do to do business in an area controlled by  
21 another leader of the Sinaloa Cartel?

22 A Well, he would have to have the permission of the  
23 principal leaders and from the leader of that plaza.

24 Q What's the purpose for getting the permission?

25 A You need to give notice so that there won't be



1 confrontations between the same people, the same people who  
2 belong to the cartel.

3 Q Now, based on your experience, if a member of the Sinaloa  
4 Cartel wanted to do business with an independent drug  
5 trafficker in an area controlled by another leader of the  
6 Sinaloa Cartel did they have to get permission?

7 A That's right.

8 Q Why was that necessary?

9 A You would need to give notice if you're going to go in  
10 and work in an area that's already controlled by another group  
11 because there's respect between the one and the other and  
12 there can be incidents which will arise if not between the  
13 people there.

14 Q What types of incidents?

15 A Well, there can be confrontations, people killed, fights.

16 Q Now, you testified that you controlled the Mexico City  
17 plaza. Did any other leaders of the Sinaloa Cartel control  
18 that plaza with you?

19 A Well, the ones who stayed there the most the time that I  
20 was there working on it were Juan Jose Esparragoza el Azul or  
21 Arturo Beltran Leyva and my brother.

22 Q Are you aware of whether other leaders of the Sinaloa  
23 Cartel controlled any plazas other than Mexico City?

24 A Yes.

25 Q How do you know about that?

1 A Well, I belonged to the cartel. I knew my various  
2 colleagues and friends and those people.

3 Q And who controlled the Sinaloa state?

4 A Joaquin Guzman Loera El Chapo and Mayo, Ismael  
5 Esparragoza Azul.

6 Q Do you know whether they controlled other plazas besides  
7 Sinaloa?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Using Government's Exhibit 502 in evidence, can you  
10 please explain to the jury which plazas the defendant  
11 controlled starting in the year 2001 until your arrest in  
12 2008?

13 A The defendant basically controlled this area.

14 Q What is that area called that you just circled on the map  
15 which is the area between Sinaloa, Durango and Chihuahua?

16 A This area in the Mexican Republic has the name the Golden  
17 Triangle.

18 Q Why is it called the Golden Triangle?

19 A It's called the Golden Triangle because it's the area  
20 where the majority of the opium gum is produced in the state  
21 and marijuana.

22 Q Where does the term golden come from?

23 A Well, Durango means gold and gold is money and the heroin  
24 and marijuana produce a lot of money.

25 Q And how about the triangle part of the term, what is that

1 a reference to?

2 A Well, the triangle is because these three states border  
3 each other where these such exclusive products are produced.

4 Q Were there any other plazas that the defendant had  
5 control over in the time frame of 2001 to 2008?

6 A Well, he can control in all of the plazas. There were  
7 subleaders from the cartel who were in control.

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1 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO: (Continuing)

2 Q Using Government's Exhibit 502, can you please show the  
3 jury some of those other plazas where the defendant had  
4 controls through the subleaders?

5 A Of course, yes. Let's start up here. Baja California  
6 Sur, Sonora, Nayarit, Jalisco, Guerrero, Chiapas, Tabasco,  
7 Quintana Roo and Chihuahua, just to name some of them.

8 Q Okay. So let's take these one by one and talk about the  
9 subleaders that controlled these plazas over whom the  
10 defendant had authority.

11 A Of course.

12 Q Let's start with Guadalajara. And I'm going to try to  
13 touch on my screen.

14 Guadalajara, who is the subleader who controlled  
15 Guadalajara?

16 A Ignacio Coronel, Nacho.

17 Q And how about Quintana Roo?

18 A Benny Contreras.

19 Q And what about Guerrero?

20 A Arturo Beltran Leyva and his brother, Hector Beltran  
21 Leyva.

22 Q How about Chiapas, how did the defendant, through whom  
23 did the defendant control Chiapas?

24 A Again, Benny Contreras as well.

25 Q And Baja California?

1 A Nene Jaramillo.

2 Q Sonora?

3 A Macho Prieto Gonzalo Izunza.

4 Q And Chihuahua?

5 A German.

6 Q How about Nayarit?

7 A In Nayarit, there was Arturo Beltran Leyva and also Chapo  
8 directly.

9 Q Now, what about your brother Mayo, which plazas did he  
10 control?

11 A The same ones. They're partners.

12 Q Now, you mentioned Nacho Coronel earlier as one of the  
13 subleaders. Did you know Nacho Coronel?

14 A Yes.

15 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: I'm showing an exhibit just to  
16 the witness, please.

17 Q I'm showing you what's marked for identification as  
18 Government's Exhibit 7. What is this?

19 A That's Ignacio Coronel Nacho.

20 Q How do you recognize him?

21 A We were very good friends.

22 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: I move to admit Government's  
23 Exhibit 7.

24 MR. PURPURA: No objection.

25 THE COURT: Received.

1 (So marked.)

2 Q Just to remind us, what area of Mexico, what plaza did  
3 Nacho Coronel control?

4 A Nacho Coronel controlled Jalisco and I failed to point  
5 out Mexico City which was where I had control.

6 Q Okay. And you also mentioned Arturo Beltran earlier as  
7 one of the subleaders. Did you know Arturo Beltran?

8 A Yes, certainly.

9 Q I'm showing you what's marked for identification as  
10 Government's Exhibit 4. What is this?

11 A That's Arturo Beltran.

12 Q And how do you recognize him?

13 A We also spent a lot of time together. We were friends  
14 for a long time.

15 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
16 Government's Exhibit 4.

17 MR. PURPURA: No objection.

18 THE COURT: Received.

19 (So marked.)

20 Q And just to remind us, what area did Arturo Beltran  
21 control?

22 A Guerrero and Morelos as well. I failed to point out  
23 Morelos.

24 Q And just using Government's Exhibit 502, can you tell us  
25 where Morelos is?

1 A Morelos is -- let me see. Let's see here.

2 Mexico, this here is Mexico City where I have  
3 measurable control, I had control. And right next to it is  
4 Morelos, right here. (Indicating.)

5 It is between Mexico City and Guerrero.

6 Q And Guerrero, you testified Guerrero is here?  
7 (Indicating.)

8 A Exactly. How can I erase here?

9 Q Bottom left-hand corner.

10 A Here, Cuerravaca, do you see that? That's Morelos. It's  
11 this point here. There it is. (Indicating.)

12 That area was also controlled by Arturo Beltran.

13 Q What if any familial relationship did Arturo Beltran have  
14 with the defendant?

15 A I know they were cousins.

16 Q Now, you've testified about Juan Jose Esparragoza,  
17 El Azul. Which area did El Azul control?

18 A Well, he was based in Mexico City but he had control the  
19 same way that Mayo and Chapo did over the entire Republic  
20 because he had a close friendship, relationship with all of  
21 the subleaders and the leaders.

22 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Okay. I'd just like to show the  
23 witness Government's Exhibit 6 in evidence.

24 Q Is this Azul?

25 A That's right. That's Juan Jose Esparragoza, El Azul.

1 Q And just to be clear, why was Azul able to control all of  
2 Mexico through the other leaders of the cartel?

3 A Well, he was one of the oldest drug traffickers in  
4 Sinaloa and one of the most respected ones, I think. He was  
5 very beloved by everybody. So any plaza that he arrived at  
6 that had a leader, a subleader from Sinaloa, he was welcome  
7 there.

8 Q What was Azul's relationship with the defendant?

9 A Well, they were compadres and Azul was the one who  
10 basically supported Joaquin Guzman Loera to be a great drug  
11 trafficker.

12 Q Now, what was the most important plaza for the Sinaloa  
13 Cartel to control?

14 A Sinaloa.

15 Q Why was it important to be able to control Sinaloa for  
16 the cartel?

17 A Sinaloa was very important because of what we spoke  
18 about, about the golden triangle and, and -- sorry. It has  
19 long shoreline as well where cocaine that's coming from  
20 Colombia can be received. It has two merchant ports which are  
21 Mazatlan and Topolobampo. And all of the leaders and  
22 subleaders of the Sinaloa Cartel have their families there,  
23 their businesses, their assets, their life.

24 Q I'm just showing you Government's Exhibit 502 again.

25 I'll zoom in here to Sinaloa.



1 A Sinaloa is this state and the capital is Culiacan which  
2 is here.

3 Q And the port cities you mentioned, can you show the jury  
4 where those are located?

5 A Mazatlan is here and Topolobampo is right here, right  
6 next to Mochis. (Indicating.)

7 Q And that golden triangle area you mentioned?

8 A The golden triangle would be this part here.

9 (Indicating.) Tijuana, Sinaloa and Durango.

10 Q Thank you. I'm going to erase this. And using  
11 Government's Exhibit 502, I'll zoom out a bit now, could you  
12 show the jury the other plazas at Sinaloa that are  
13 particularly important to the Sinaloa Cartel?

14 A Well, Jalisco and Nayarit. Those are states that are  
15 right next to Sinaloa. Well, they were very important because  
16 of the seashore. They're very important locations where  
17 cocaine can arrive from Colombia.

18 Q Were there any other plazas that were particularly  
19 important to the cartel?

20 A We can mark Guerrero\right here also because of the  
21 coastline. (Indicating.) Chiapas, Quintana Roo and Sonora  
22 and Chihuahua.

23 Q Why were Sonora and Chihuahua particularly important for  
24 the cartel?

25 A Because these are near the border points that are the

1 crossings for drugs which are cocaine, marijuana, heroin and  
2 methamphetamine over to the United States.

3 Q What does this term "crossing" mean in drug trafficking?

4 A Well, when you arrive here to the edge of the Mexican  
5 Republic, you arrive at the border crossing. It's the moment  
6 when you have to cross the drugs over to the United States  
7 when you reach this point.

8 Q What else did the cartel cross at these points besides  
9 drugs?

10 A It crossed the money that is produced by the sale of the  
11 drugs in the United States coming back to Mexico and weapons.

12 Q And where did those weapons principally come from?

13 A From the United States of America.

14 Q Are you aware of how the defendant Chapo Guzman crossed  
15 drugs into the United States?

16 A Well --

17 MR. PURPURA: Judge, objection. Just 602. There  
18 should be a basis at this point.

19 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: I can lay a foundation.

20 THE COURT: Please.

21 Q Mr. Zambada, how do you know about how the defendant  
22 Chapo Guzman crossed his drugs into the United States?

23 A Well, he and my brother worked in partnership and I  
24 always, one way or the other, always found out how my brother  
25 Mayo was crossing drugs over into the United States.

1 Q What are some of the ways you would find out?

2 A Well, in Ciudad Juarez, they used tractor trailers to  
3 cross over large amounts. And in Sonora, they used tunnels.  
4 And in Baja California, tunnels were used as well but that was  
5 at the beginning of my participation in the organization and  
6 that was when I found out of their existence.

7 Q Now, you mentioned tunnels. During what period did your  
8 brother Mayo tell you about the defendant's tunnels?

9 MR. PURPURA: Objection, Your Honor. That's a  
10 misstatement of the evidence.

11 THE COURT: Overruled. It is cross-examination.

12 A My brother mentioned that specifically to me around 2004  
13 or 2005 that the defendant had a tunnel in Sonora and that  
14 they were going to work very quickly.

15 Q And you mentioned some other tunnels that you learned  
16 about that were earlier in your participation in the cartel.  
17 What tunnels were those?

18 A Specifically, in Tijuana, in the year 1987 or '88, when I  
19 was in Tijuana, it was known that the defendant had tunnels at  
20 the border with a Tijuana cartel who are the Arellano Felixes.

21 Q And just to be clear, you referenced some tunnels in  
22 Sonora. Who did the tunnels in Sonora belong to?

23 A Well, my brother told me they were Chapo's.

24 Q Did Chapo personally cross drugs into the United States?

25 A No.

1 Q Who did that for Chapo?

2 A The workers.

3 Q Now, what was your understanding of why Chapo did not  
4 personally bring drugs into the United States?

5 A Well, he was the boss, the leader. He was a person who  
6 was very wanted. He wasn't going to be doing the work that  
7 the other workers in the organization could do.

8 Q Now, did your brother Mayo tell you which worker was in  
9 charge of crossing cocaine over the border for him?

10 A In Ciudad Juarez, he had German.

11 Q Did you ever meet German?

12 A Yes, certainly.

13 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Let me show an exhibit to the  
14 witness, please.

15 Q I'm showing you what's marked for identification as  
16 Government's Exhibit 78. Who is depicted in this photograph?

17 A German.

18 Q How do you recognize him?

19 A I spent time with him several times.

20 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
21 Government Exhibit 78.

22 MR. PURPURA: No objection, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Received.

24 (So marked.)

25 Q And just to be clear, Mr. Zambada, where did German work

1 crossing drugs into the United States?

2 A In Ciudad Juarez.

3 Q What method was German using to cross drugs into the  
4 United States?

5 A He was using the tractor trailer trucks, trailers.

6 Q And over approximately what time period was he doing this  
7 for the cartel?

8 A Many years, maybe from 1994 to 2005, 2006.

9 Q You testified earlier that in your role as a leader of  
10 the Sinaloa Cartel, you knew about how cocaine was moved from  
11 Mexico to the United States?

12 A That's right.

13 Q Did you become aware of the methods that the cartel used  
14 to smuggle drugs across the Mexico United States border?

15 A Yes.

16 Q How did you learn about that?

17 A Well, because I belonged to the cartel and I had  
18 knowledge of how it was operating.

19 Q What were some of the methods used over the 20 year  
20 period that you were with the Sinaloa Cartel that crossed  
21 drugs into the United States?

22 A Well, when I started, they were crossed in gas tanks,  
23 large quantities. Cars, pickups were used. Then, after that,  
24 tractor trailer trucks started being used. The train was  
25 used, with chemical products, that the train was used, that

1 the train was bringing up here to the United States and that  
2 would, drugs were crossed with it. And then in 2004-2005 was  
3 when I found out that tunnels were being used from direct  
4 comments from my brother.

5 Q Now, on occasions when there's extra security at the  
6 U.S.-Mexico border, did the method of crossing drugs change or  
7 did it stay the same?

8 A Well, when there's a very large operation taking place on  
9 the American side for the crossing, small cars are used with  
10 compartments for between 20 to 50 kilos.

11 Q And these compartments that you're referring to, what  
12 types of compartments were used in the cars?

13 A Small places in the car that are specially conditioned so  
14 you could put in 20 kilos, 10 kilos, 50 kilos, cocaine, the  
15 drugs that were being crossed.

16 Q And were those compartments hidden?

17 A That's the objective.

18 Q Now, what was the purpose of using smaller vehicles when  
19 there's more security at the border?

20 A Well, it's much harder for the authorities to detect them  
21 because on the same day, thousands of vehicles are crossing  
22 over. If you send ten cars per day, well, that's 200 kilos.  
23 If you lose one, you've lost 20. That's not a lot. And when  
24 there are very large operations taking place, it's sort of  
25 the, you could say, the ant speed operation to cross the

1 drugs.

2 Q Now, you testified earlier about tunnels that the cartel  
3 used and you testified that your brother told you about the  
4 tunnels. Did you have any other conversations with other  
5 leaders about the tunnels the cartel used to smuggle drugs?

6 A With Nacho Coronel.

7 Q Showing you what's in evidence as Government Exhibit 7.

8 A That's Nacho Coronel.

9 Q What did Nacho Coronel tell you about the tunnels?

10 A He told me that the person in charge of making the  
11 tunnels for the cartel was Avelino Insunza. He was a very  
12 intelligent person who was very important within the cartel.

13 Q On whose behalf did Avelino Insunza build the tunnels?

14 A He told me for Chapo, for him, for the cartel.

15 Q Nacho told you that?

16 A Yes. Yes. Nacho spoke to me about that person.

17 Q And based on these conversations, did you have an  
18 understanding about whether Nacho used the tunnels as well?

19 A Yes, yes, through Baja California.

20 Q Approximately when did your brother Nacho and the  
21 defendant use tunnels to smuggle drugs?

22 A Well, specifically, the one time was when my brother  
23 spoke to me specifically that they were going to be using a  
24 tunnel in Sonora.

25 Q And that was when?

1 A More or less around 2004, 2005.

2 Q Now, did you have an understanding why your brother Mayo  
3 and the defendant used tunnels?

4 A Well, it's the most secure way to cross drugs over to the  
5 United States, the cocaine, the heroin, the marijuana,  
6 methamphetamines, and it's the securest way for the money  
7 which is being returned back and the easiest way to cross over  
8 weapons.

9 Q Did you have an understanding about whether there were  
10 any other advantages aside from the security and the ease of  
11 crossing?

12 A The speed. That's why Chapo, for a period of time, the  
13 Colombians specifically called him the speedy one.

14 Q Now, you testified about the importance of controlling a  
15 plaza. What are some of the means by which the Sinaloa Cartel  
16 would take control of a plaza?

17 A Well, mainly bribing the authorities to have government  
18 control and using the armed group, the Sicarios, so that no  
19 other group will come into that plaza.

20 Q Now, if the drug trafficking group doesn't agree to work  
21 with the Sinaloa Cartel in a particular plaza, how would the  
22 Sinaloa Cartel assert control in that plaza?

23 A Well, if one group comes into a plaza controlled by  
24 another group without getting permission, then the people are  
25 going to get killed if they come in without permission.



1 Q Mr. Zambada, have you ever heard the term "war" used in  
2 connection with drug trafficking?

3 A Yes.

4 Q What does that mean?

5 A It means confrontation between one drug trafficking group  
6 and another one in a violent manner.

7 Q Was the Sinaloa Cartel ever involved in any wars during  
8 your membership with the cartel?

9 A Yes, of course.

10 Q And how do you know about that?

11 A Well, because I had to participate.

12 Q And how did you participate?

13 A Well, because I'm the brother of Mayo Zambada. I had to  
14 take care of myself and I had to support the war.

15 Q And generally what happened during these wars?

16 A They always end up with deaths. There's always a lot of  
17 deaths.

18 Q Who in the Sinaloa Cartel led these wars?

19 MR. PURPURA: Again, Judge, time frame, if we may.

20 THE COURT: Let him finish the answer and then ask  
21 the time frame.

22 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Yes, Your Honor.

23 A Could you repeat it to me, please?

24 Q Yes. During your membership in the cartel from 1987  
25 until 2008 when you were arrested, who within the Sinaloa

1    Cartel led these wars?

2    A     Well, one of the leaders who headed some of the war was  
3    Joaquin Guzman Loera, El Chapo, and another time period,  
4    Arturo Beltran Leyva, my brother, Mayo Zambada, Nacho Coronel,  
5    me.

6    Q     What were the wars that took place during your time in  
7    the Sinaloa Cartel?

8    A     Well, the first one that was lived through was the one  
9    between the Arellano Felixes and Joaquin Guzman Loera. Then  
10   we lived through the one of Arturo Beltran Leyva with the  
11   Zetas. And then the one between Joaquin Guzman Loera and  
12   Arturo Guzman, excuse me, Arturo Beltran.

13   Q     So just to be clear, the war that you described was  
14   between the defendant and Arturo Beltran Leyva and the Zetas?

15   A     Arturo Beltran was the one who was leading it but he had  
16   the support of the Sinaloa group. And after that, there came  
17   a war between Arturo Beltran and Joaquin Guzman Loera,  
18   El Chapo.

19   Q     Now, to your knowledge, who fought these wars for the  
20   defendant?

21   A     The assistants, the Sicarios, and whoever had to do it.

22   Q     What, if any, compensation system did the cartel have for  
23   Sicarios?

24   A     Well, in particular, they have a salary. They're given  
25   certain type of compensation in gifts when they take part in

1 some kind of special operation or they kill some particularly  
2 important person.

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1 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO (Continuing):

2 Q Who were the top leaders in the cartel the sicarios took  
3 orders from?

4 A In the Sinaloa cartel during my time, one of the  
5 principal ones was Macho Prieto in Sonora; and in Mexico City,  
6 El Mechudo, Benny, on behalf of my brother Ismael Zambada.

7 Q And who are the ultimate leaders to whom the sicarios  
8 answered?

9 A When we were joined together, we belonged to the same  
10 group, and they were commanded by my brother Ismael Zambada  
11 Garcia and Joaquin Guzman Chapo.

12 Q You testified that you supported the wars.

13 What does that mean? How did you support the wars?

14 A Well, given the government work that I had at a certain  
15 time, carrying out intelligence activities to identify where  
16 the enemies were, sometimes passing orders to the sicarios  
17 from the leaders, in general.

18 Q Now, based on your experience in the Sinaloa cartel, if a  
19 member of Sinaloa wanted to kill a high level drug trafficker,  
20 did they have to follow any protocol?

21 A Yes, certainly.

22 Q What was the protocol?

23 A Well, you need to take into account the main leader of  
24 main leaders of the cartel. And its talked about among the  
25 subleaders so an agreement can be reached about whether that

1 person is going to be eliminated or not, especially when we're  
2 talking about another leader in the cartel.

3 Q Now, based on your experience, who from the Sinaloa  
4 cartel could give authorization for a murder?

5 A Joaquin Guzman Loera and my brother Ismael Zambada  
6 Garcia.

7 Q As one of the leaders of the Sinaloa cartel, did you  
8 become aware of unauthorized murders of traffickers?

9 A I don't remember.

10 Q Now, based on your experience, did law enforcement in  
11 Mexico investigate the murders ordered by the Sinaloa cartel?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What did you do if you became aware that a member of law  
14 enforcement investigated a murder that a member of the Sinaloa  
15 cartel had been involved in?

16 A Well, it was talking to the homicide commander and ask  
17 him to find out what was the line of investigation that was  
18 being followed.

19 Q What would you do after you made that inquiry?

20 A If it was positive that the investigation was about the  
21 cartel, then the commander was asked to, you know, turn the  
22 investigation or stop it.

23 Q What are some of the ways the cartel would try to stop  
24 the investigations of murders?

25 A Through bribes, money.

1 Q Are you aware of whether other leaders of the Sinaloa  
2 cartel tried to derail murder investigations in a similar  
3 manner?

4 MR. PURPURA: Objection, foundation, 602, base of  
5 knowledge.

6 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Your Honor, that's --

7 THE COURT: She asked if he's aware. He can say if  
8 he's aware, then she'll ask how do you know.

9 Go ahead.

10 Q How do you know, sir? How did you know about this?

11 A Can you repeat the question, please?

12 Q Sure.

13 Are you aware of whether other leaders of Sinaloa  
14 tried to derail murder investigations?

15 A Yes, certainly.

16 Q How do you know about that?

17 A Well, I was in Mexico City, and sometimes there were  
18 homicides that had been ordered by the leaders of the cartel  
19 or by some leaders in other states, and I was asked to check  
20 whether there were any investigations that could affect any  
21 members of the cartel.

22 THE COURT: When you have a convenient breaking  
23 point, we should take a morning break. Unless you are nearly  
24 done, which it doesn't sound like you are.

25 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: This is actually a perfect time.

1 THE COURT: Let's take our morning break. Remember  
2 not to talk about the case. We'll see you back in here at  
3 11:30.

4 (Jury exits.)

5 THE COURT: Have a seat for just a minute. One  
6 brief thing I want to mention. I think you can wait to take  
7 the witness out.

8 We had a discussion at sidebar yesterday about  
9 whether Government agents' out-of-court statements might fall  
10 under Rule 801(d)(2)(D). I want you to look at these cases  
11 which I read as saying no, they don't: U.S. v. Veldez, 355 F.  
12 3d 80, Second Circuit, 2004; and U.S. v. Santos, 372 F. 2d 177  
13 at Pages 180 to 81, that's Second Circuit, 1967. Take a look  
14 at those and see if you can be prepared for them.

15 Okay. 11:30.

16 (Recess taken.)

17 THE COURT: Please bring in the jury.

18 How much more do you think you've got, hours?

19 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: We'll get through the day, Judge.

20 THE COURT: Think about shortening it.

21 (Jury enters.)

22 THE COURT: Be seated. Let's continue.

23 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Thank you, your Honor.

24 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO:

25 Q Mr. Zambada, before the break, you testified about some

1 of the wars that the Sinaloa cartel was involved in during  
2 your membership in the cartel.

3 A Yes.

4 Q Now, you talked about the war with the Arellano Felixes.

5 Who was fighting in the war with the Arellano  
6 Felixes? What were the sides?

7 A Well, the Arellano Felix brothers were fighting against  
8 Joaquin Guzman Loera, El Chapo, in the years '86, '87, '90.

9 Q How long did that continue?

10 A That war went on until 2006, I think.

11 Q And you mentioned the war between the Zetas and the  
12 Sinaloa cartel.

13 Approximately, when did that war take place?

14 A That war took place in the year 2003 to 2006 also.

15 Q And the war with the Beltran Leyvas?

16 A Well, the war with the Beltran Leyvas started in a way in  
17 2007, but it became violent in 2008.

18 Q And who were on the sides of that war?

19 A For the Beltran Leyva war, it was Arturo Beltran, Chapo  
20 Guzman, and my brother Mario Zambada.

21 Q To be clear, this war was between who versus who?

22 A Joaquin Guzman Loera versus Arturo Beltran. My brother  
23 Mayo was on the side of Joaquin Guzman Loera.

24 Q Are you aware of a war between the Sinaloa cartel and the  
25 Carrillo Fuentes?



1 A Yes.

2 Q Who was on each side of the war between the Sinaloa  
3 cartel and the Carrillo Fuentes organization?

4 A Well, on the Carrillo Fuentes side, it was Vicente  
5 Carrillo. And on the Sinaloa side, it was Joaquin Guzman Loera  
6 and my brother Mayo.

7 Q We talked a lot about the Sinaloa cartel's cocaine  
8 trafficking business.

9 Are you aware of the Sinaloa cartel's trafficking  
10 activities with regard to heroin?

11 A Yes.

12 Q How do you know about that?

13 A Well, it's one of the products that the Sinaloa cartel  
14 has always handled throughout its history.

15 Q What did the Sinaloa cartel do in the heroin trafficking  
16 business when you were in the cartel?

17 A Planting the poppies, growing it, growing them,  
18 processing them. And they bring it here to the United States  
19 to sell it.

20 Q Did the Sinaloa cartel do the processing of the heroin  
21 you just mentioned?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Based on your experience, how did the Sinaloa cartel  
24 produce heroin?

25 A Through labs with chemicals.

1 Q And what's the purpose of making heroin?

2 A To sell it here in the United States.

3 Q What, if any, role did the Defendant play in the cartel's  
4 heroin trafficking activity?

5 A Well, the Golden Triangle area where the Defendant used  
6 to live is the place where most of the poppies are grown, as  
7 well as marijuana.

8 Q Was that area his territory where they were grown?

9 A Exactly.

10 Q Now, you just mentioned marijuana.

11 What, if anything, did the Sinaloa cartel do with  
12 regard to marijuana?

13 A It exports it to the United States for sale as well.

14 Q How do you know about that?

15 A Well, that's -- I lived through it. I noticed it. These  
16 are businesses that I did not participate in directly, but  
17 because I was part of the cartel I knew that they were doing  
18 these activities.

19 Q Did you know about the Defendants' marijuana trafficking  
20 activities?

21 A Well, when I would go visit him in the mountains, I could  
22 see sometimes from the helicopter or plane that I was in all  
23 the crops on the mountains.

24 Q What types of crops?

25 A Sometimes marijuana, sometimes poppy.

1 Q And in those areas where you saw the crops, was that in  
2 the Defendant's territory?

3 A Where he lived with his people.

4 Q Now, you testified earlier that the Sinaloa cartel  
5 trafficked methamphetamines.

6 A That's right.

7 Q Do you know whether the Defendant participated in the  
8 Sinaloa cartel's methamphetamine trafficking?

9 A Yes.

10 Q How do you know about that?

11 A Well, because one time he sent a person to Mexico City to  
12 meet with me about importation of ephedrine from an Asian  
13 country.

14 Q Who was this individual?

15 A They called him Chespiro.

16 Q Who is Chespiro?

17 A I met him for the first time on this occasion. He told  
18 me he was coming on behalf of Chapo and he told me that he was  
19 the boss of the production of these products in Sinaloa for  
20 the cartel.

21 Q Methamphetamine products?

22 A That's right.

23 Q When did this meeting take place?

24 A Maybe 2004, beginning of 2005. Or beginning of 2004,  
25 more or less.

1 Q Where did you meet El Chespiro?

2 A I met in Mexico, in Mexico City, in a park.

3 Q What did you discuss with him?

4 A Well, he asked me to give him legal support to be able to  
5 import tons of ephedrine. He was talking about 15 or 20 tons.

6 I don't remember exactly from which country. One of those  
7 Asian countries, over on that side.

8 Q What is this "legal support" you're referring to?

9 A He wanted to do this importation through a commercial  
10 business, and I had the way to be able to do that.

11 Q What's the purpose of using a legal commercial business  
12 for doing importation like this?

13 A Well, it's the ephedrine itself, right, it's coming from  
14 countries which are very distant, far away, so it needs to be  
15 done with a merchant ship in a container from company to  
16 company and figuring there, it's a legal importation to be  
17 able to have it arrive in Mexico.

18 Q The purpose for using a legal company versus not having a  
19 company set up?

20 A You create these companies. You could say in a  
21 fictitious way or at that moment, they're real. And since you  
22 use them and then you disappear them, the way is to import a  
23 legal product two or three times, the fourth time the  
24 ephedrine is imported, and then you disappear the company just  
25 in case it would be being surveilled or followed.

1 Q What does the term "ice" mean in drug trafficking?

2 A It's a drug which is produced precisely with ephedrine.

3 And when the process is finished of mixing these chemical

4 products with the ephedrine, what is the result is ice. The

5 appearance is if it were pieces of ice.

6 Q You testified that El Chespiro, who was in charge of

7 methamphetamines for the Defendant, was sent to you by the

8 Defendant?

9 A That's right.

10 Q How do you know that it was the Defendant who had set

11 Chespiro to see you?

12 A Chespiro told me.

13 Q Did anyone else tell you?

14 A My brother also told me. My brother is the one who set

15 up the appointment.

16 Q Mr. Zambada, where do you live right now?

17 A I live in prison, in jail.

18 Q Did you have a nickname before you were arrested?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What was your nickname?

21 A Rey.

22 Q How did you earn that nickname?

23 A I earned it when I was born.

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1 MS. PARLOVECCHIO:

2 Q Well --

3 A When I was born, -- when I was born my father named me  
4 Jesus and he said, well, the king is born, ray. And he always  
5 called me Rey, king, the whole time, so as a consequence  
6 everybody always called me Rey.

7 Q What is your birth order in your family?

8 A I'm the last one.

9 Q You're the youngest?

10 A The youngest one.

11 Q Now, you testified yesterday that you began working in  
12 the drug business by helping your brother Mayo with his drug  
13 accounts?

14 A That's right.

15 Q Why were you helping your brother Mayo with his  
16 accounting in particular?

17 A Well, he requested help from me because my brother was  
18 having problems with his business.

19 Q Did you have any special training that allowed you to  
20 help him?

21 A Yes, of course. I got my college degree in accounting.

22 Q Did you have a legitimate job prior to going to work with  
23 your brother Mayo?

24 A Yes, of course.

25 Q What did you do?

1 A I was the general manager of a company in Mexico City.

2 Q Did you stop working in your legitimate job once you  
3 began helping Mayo?

4 A That's right.

5 Q Briefly, can you tell us why you had to leave your  
6 legitimate job?

7 A Well, at that time my brother Mayo was figuring as an  
8 important public figure as a drug trafficker and the owner and  
9 the partners in the company saw the news, in the news. They  
10 asked me what relationship did I have to that person. I said  
11 he's my brother and they said they no longer wanted to depend  
12 on my accounting services because they didn't trust me.

13 Q Was there of a period in your past when you used drugs or  
14 alcohol other than on a social basis?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Directing your attention to 2006, how often did you use  
17 alcohol during that period?

18 A At least every weekend for a period of around six months  
19 more or less.

20 Q Did that affect your ability to understand what was going  
21 on around you?

22 A Not definitively, but, yes, I did lose time when I was  
23 consuming alcohol.

24 Q When was the last time you used drugs or alcohol?

25 A In the year 2008, before my arrest.

1 Q Have you used false names on documents to hide your  
2 identity?

3 A Yes.

4 Q On what documents have you used false names?

5 A Well, I used fake names for voter ID cards, driver's  
6 licenses and I obtained a visa to enter into the United States  
7 with a fake name.

8 Q Have you ever possessed a weapon?

9 A Yes, of course.

10 Q What types of weapons?

11 A I normally used a .380 pistol.

12 Q Did you ever report to the Mexican government the money  
13 you earned from drug trafficking?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you ever participate in any murder conspiracies?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Did you ever personally murder anyone?

18 A No.

19 Q On the occasions when you participated in murder  
20 conspiracies what was your personal role?

21 A Sometimes to locate the people, the targets, and pass the  
22 messages to the Sicarios so they could complete their order.

23 Q Approximately how many times did you do that?

24 A I did it three times.

25 Q Who generally were the individuals who were the targets



1 of these murder conspiracies?

2 A Police agents, commanders who were at the service of  
3 Arturo Beltran.

4 Q Did you always find out whether the murder was done?

5 A Normally.

6 Q You testified yesterday that you were arrested for your  
7 criminal activity on October 20, 2008?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Where were you arrested?

10 A In Mexico City.

11 Q I want to show an exhibit to the witness, please.

12 I'm showing you what's marked for identification as  
13 Government's Exhibit 99. What is this?

14 A That's me.

15 Q I won't ask you how you recognize it.

16 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
17 Government's Exhibit 99.

18 THE COURT: Received.

19 (So marked.)

20 Q Publish it, please. And, sir, when was this photograph  
21 taken?

22 A When I was arrested on October 20, 2008.

23 Q Did the United States eventually bring charges against  
24 you?

25 A That's right.

1 Q And just taking a step back, after you were arrested in  
2 Mexico, what Mexican criminal charges were brought against  
3 you?

4 A Organized crime, to be harboring weapons and possessing  
5 cartridges.

6 Q What types of cartridges?

7 A For firearms.

8 Q Now, after your arrest did the United States eventually  
9 bring charges against you?

10 A That's right.

11 Q What were the United States charges against you?

12 A Importation, distribution and sale of cocaine, and to  
13 belong to a continuing criminal enterprise.

14 Q Were the charges against you in the United States in more  
15 than one jurisdiction?

16 A Yes.

17 Q What were the jurisdictions?

18 A One is in Washington D.C. and the other one is up here in  
19 New York, in Brooklyn county.

20 Q And what charges in particular were brought against you  
21 in Brooklyn?

22 A Life.

23 Q What was the charge, sir?

24 A The charges here in Brooklyn it's continuing criminal  
25 enterprise.

1 Q Did there come a time when you came to the United States  
2 to face the U.S. charges?

3 A Yes.

4 Q By what legal process did you come to the United States?

5 A Through an extradition process.

6 Q After you came to the United States, did you have  
7 meetings with the prosecutors in your case?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Generally, what did you speak about during those  
10 meetings?

11 A Well, the first meeting I told them the whole story of my  
12 entire life. And the second meeting I continued on until I  
13 finally got to the point where I was speaking about when I  
14 became involved in drug trafficking.

15 Q Did you tell the prosecutors in your case who got you  
16 involved in drug trafficking?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Who did you tell them?

19 A I got involved initially with my brother Mayo, Mayo  
20 Zambada Garcia.

21 Q What did you do to resolve your U.S. charges?

22 A I pled guilty.

23 Q What crimes did you plead guilty to?

24 A To the crime of importing, distributing and selling  
25 cocaine and belonging to a continuing criminal enterprise.

1 Q Did you have any codefendants in your case in Brooklyn?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Who were they?

4 A One of them is Joaquin Guzman Loera, El Chapo. Another  
5 one is Ismael Zambada Garcia El Mayo. Another one is Arturo  
6 Beltran, Leyva, Hector Beltran Leyva and Ignacio Coronel  
7 Nacho.

8 Q Were they also charged with continuing criminal  
9 enterprise?

10 A That is right.

11 Q What sentence are you facing based upon your guilty plea?

12 A Life.

13 Q And what about in your -- is there another sentence you  
14 can face upon your guilty plea?

15 A Yes.

16 Q What is that?

17 A Ten years to life.

18 Q Under your plea agreement, were you obligated to pay any  
19 financial penalty?

20 A That's right.

21 Q What was the financial penalty?

22 A Three million dollars.

23 Q Have you paid that?

24 A That's right.

25 Q Would you also potentially have to pay a fine?

1 A That's correct.

2 Q How much could that fine be?

3 A Two million dollars.

4 Q As part of your guilty plea, did you sign any agreement  
5 with the government?

6 A That's right.

7 Q What is that agreement called?

8 A Cooperation agreement.

9 Q I'm going to show you what's been marked for  
10 identification as Government's Exhibit 3500-JRZG-2. What is  
11 this?

12 A It's my cooperation agreement.

13 Q How do you recognize it?

14 A Because I signed it and my name is on here.

15 Q I'm going to direct your attention to the last page of  
16 Government's Exhibit 3500-JRZG-2. Directing your attention  
17 here to the left-hand side of the page, is that your  
18 signature?

19 A Yes, right here.

20 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
21 Government's Exhibit 3500-JRZG-2.

22 MR. PURPURA: No objection, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Received.

24 (So marked.)

25 Q Is this your cooperation agreement that you see on the

1 screen?

2 A That's right.

3 Q Did anyone translate this cooperation agreement for you  
4 into Spanish before you signed it?

5 A That's right.

6 Q We'll just show the jury the last page with your  
7 signature. You can show us again where your signature is .

8 Now, as part of this agreement, did you make any  
9 promises?

10 A That's right.

11 Q What did you promise to do?

12 A To cooperate by telling truth about anything that was  
13 required to clear up my case, and about other drug trafficking  
14 situations of which I had knowledge.

15 Q Did the government promise to do anything for you if you  
16 abided by the terms of your cooperation agreement?

17 A Yes.

18 Q What promises did the government make if you abided by  
19 the terms of your cooperation agreement?

20 A They promised to issue a letter of recommendation to the  
21 judge explaining everything that I had done for the  
22 government, explaining anything that they asked me or  
23 requested from me were the truth. The good things and the bad  
24 things in my case.

25 Q Is there a name for this letter?

1 A Yes.

2 Q What is it called?

3 A 5k1.

4 Q What is this 5k1 letter supposed to do for you?

5 A Well, when I go to sentencing with this letter the judge  
6 can take it into consideration when deciding my sentence.

7 Q And just to be clear, who will decide your sentence?

8 A The judge.

9 Q Will the government recommend any particular sentence?

10 A No.

11 Q Is the judge obligated to give you a more lenient  
12 sentence as a result of receiving this 5k1 letter?

13 A No.

14 Q Does the filing of this 5k1 letter depend on the outcome  
15 of this case?

16 A No.

17 Q Did the government agree to provide you with any  
18 additional benefits as a result of your cooperation?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What additional benefits?

21 A Well, they have helped me bring my family from Mexico to  
22 here to the United States for their safety.

23 Q And what is the purpose of having your family brought to  
24 the United States?

25 A So that they won't suffer any attempts on their life.

1 Q Have you ever testified in court before today?

2 A No.

3 Q Before coming do court today, did you meet with the  
4 government to prepare to testify?

5 A Yes.

6 Q I'm now going to direct your attention to 1987. What  
7 were the jobs you were doing for your brother in his drug  
8 trafficking business at that time?

9 A I was monitoring the collections from clients for cocaine  
10 sales here in the United States for him.

11 Q Where was your brother Mayo operating his drug business  
12 at that time in 1987?

13 A In Siana, Baja, California.

14 Q Was your brother Mayo partners with the defendant at this  
15 point in time?

16 A No.

17 Q What if any relationship did your brother Mayo have with  
18 the defendant in 1987?

19 A They were acquaintances.

20 Q Did there come a point later in time when you learned who  
21 the defendant worked with in 1987?

22 A Yes.

23 Q How did you learn about who the defendant was working  
24 with in 1987?

25 A Well, there came a time when Juan Jose Esparragoza el



1 Azul, and he told me about the whole history of what had been  
2 going on at that time and who the defendant had been working  
3 with at that time.

4 Q When did that conversation take place?

5 A It was around 1994.

6 Q What was the purpose of this conversation with el Azul?

7 A Well, he wanted me to be able to trust the people who  
8 worked with Joaquin Guzman Loera. And he always asked me to  
9 tell my brother the same things, that we should trust him,  
10 that we were the same group, that we had already worked  
11 together.

12 Q What did el Azul tell you about who the defendant was  
13 working with in the late 1980s?

14 A Well, he told me that directly working for him was Hector  
15 Guero Palma, Arturo Beltran Leyva, Hector Beltran Leyva,  
16 Alfredo Beltran.

17 Q Did Azul say whether he was working with the defendant  
18 during that period?

19 A Yes, and him. And him, a source. That's why he was  
20 saying that. He was saying we work together. We're the same  
21 things.

22 Q Now, turning back to you and your brother Mayo, were you  
23 and your brother Mayo working with any other drug trafficking  
24 organizations in the late 1980s?

25 A With the Arellano Felix brothers.

1 Q Over what period of time did you and your brother Mayo  
2 work with the Arellano Felix brothers?

3 A Approximately from '87 to '90.

4 Q Do you know whether the Arellano Felix brothers were at  
5 war with anyone during that period?

6 A Yes. They started a war with Joaquin Guzman Loera El  
7 Chapo.

8 Q I'm now going to direct your attention to 1991. What  
9 happened between your brother and the Arellano Felix brothers  
10 at that time?

11 A My brother broke relations with the Arellano Felix  
12 brothers and he went on to work with Amado Carrillo Fuentes.  
13 He went with them to work with Amado.

14 Q I'm showing you what's in evidence as Government's  
15 Exhibit 9. Is that Amado Carrillo Fuentes?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Did Amado Carrillo Fuentes have any partners when your  
18 brother and joined him?

19 A That's right.

20 Q How do you know about that?

21 A Well, because I was part of the organization and also  
22 Juan Jose Esparragoza el Azul also told me that he was part of  
23 the that partner.

24 Q Just to be clear, who was Amado Fuentes' partner when you  
25 joined him in 1991?

1 A Juan Jose Esparragoza.

2 Q Is that him in the picture there?

3 A That's him.

4 Q In 1991, what was the Amado Fuentes' relationship -- I'm  
5 sorry. Let me step back. Were you and your brother therefore  
6 working with el Azul in 1991?

7 A Yes.

8 Q In 1991 what was Amado Fuentes' relationship with the  
9 defendant?

10 A They were friends. And El Chapo belonged to Azul's group  
11 for working.

12 Q So what was your understanding of -- given the  
13 relationship with Amado and Azul, what was your understanding  
14 of the relationship between Amado and the defendant?

15 A Well, we were one group, one working group.

16 (Continued on next page.)

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1 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO: (Continuing)

2 Q After you and your brother Mayo broke away from the  
3 Arellano Felix brothers, did you stay in Tijuana?

4 A No.

5 Q Where did you live?

6 A I went to live in Mexico City.

7 Q Where did your brother go?

8 A My brother went to Sinaloa.

9 Q What was your brother Mayo's relationship with the  
10 Arellano Felixes after he joined Amado and Azul?

11 A Can you repeat the question?

12 Q Sure. What was your brother's relationship with the  
13 Arellano Felixes after he joined Amado and Azul?

14 A Enemies. A war was opened against my brother on the part  
15 of the Arellano Felixes.

16 Q Who was on your brother Mayo's side in the war with the  
17 Arellano Felixes at that point?

18 A Joaquin El Chapo Guzman, Azul, Amado Carrillo.

19 Q Did you have an understanding about why your brother and  
20 the defendant were fighting against the Arellano Felixes at  
21 the time?

22 A Yes. The Arellano Felixes thought they were the kings of  
23 the, the owners of Tijuana and they didn't want anyone to  
24 cross drugs on their border without their authorization.

25 Q And who was crossing drugs on their border without their

1 authorization at that time?

2 A El Chapo. That's why the war started.

3 Q What happened as a result of this war with the Arellano  
4 Felixes?

5 A Well, there were a lot of people killed.

6 Q Did anyone try to kill you during the war with the  
7 Arellano Felixes?

8 A That's right.

9 Q Approximately when did that happen?

10 A More or less in '94, maybe '95.

11 Q Can you please tell the jury what happened on that  
12 occasion?

13 A Well, I was living in Mexico City and one day when I was  
14 buying something at a store, some Sicarios intercepted me and  
15 they shot at me the distance from here to the wall and they  
16 grazed my head. I fell on the floor. Fortunately, I wasn't  
17 left unconscious and I jumped back immediately and with my  
18 pistol in my hand, I started fighting against them. They were  
19 surprised because they thought I was dead. They covered  
20 themselves. I covered myself. We were exchanging shots.

21 I managed to wound one of those Sicarios and he was  
22 asking for help from one of his colleagues because he was  
23 lying, yelling, Get me out, get me out because he's going to  
24 kill me. And I continued in exchanging shots with the one who  
25 was left there but the time point came when he ran away and,

1 fortunately, I saved my life.

2 Q Now, did you suffer any injury as a result of this  
3 confrontation?

4 A Yes. I'm alive because the bullet did not penetrate my  
5 skull but I had like a huge, like a little a ditch type thing  
6 here on my, with a big opening, full of blood here on this  
7 side of my head.

8 Q Did you learn who these gunmen worked for?

9 A Yes. They worked for Ramon Arellano and Benjamin  
10 Arellano Felix.

11 Q Now, during this period, going back to the early 1990s,  
12 what was your brother's relationship with the defendant?

13 A Well, my brother and the defendant now had bonds of  
14 friendship. They were joined in that war against the Arellano  
15 Felixes.

16 Q And when you say that they were joined together in the  
17 war against the Arellano Felixes, what did that mean at that  
18 point?

19 A Well, now there was a union that the Sicarios from both  
20 groups, both bands would fight together and to be able to do  
21 investigation to find the traces of the people that belonged  
22 to the Arellano Felixes to kill them.

23 Q Was anyone -- were any of your close family members  
24 killed during the war with the Arellano Felixes?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Which family member?

2 A My brother Vicente Zambada Garcia.

3 Q Tell us about that briefly.

4 A Well, my brother lived in Cancun and he was a man who  
5 wasn't involved in any kind of strange business. He lived  
6 well. He didn't use weapons. He had a stable social life and  
7 the Arellano Felixes went and they killed him at the door of  
8 his house.

9 Q During this period of the early 1990s, are you aware of  
10 whether your brother Mayo and the defendant invested in any  
11 drug shipments together?

12 A Well, Azul told me that through him, Chapo and the  
13 Beltran Leyvas invested together with my brother and Amado.

14 Q What types of shipments were these?

15 A Well, in majority, boats and fast boats.

16 Q With cocaine?

17 A Yes, with cocaine imported from Colombia.

18 Q What, if any, details did Azul tell you about Chapo and  
19 your brother Mayo investing in drug shipments together during  
20 the 1990s?

21 A In general terms, he said we were the same team, same  
22 group, we were together, that we worked together joined and  
23 that I should trust it and I should tell the same thing to my  
24 brother, that everything was fine, that everything was in  
25 order.

1 Q Now, you testified that the Beltran Leyvas were part of  
2 this team with your brother Mayo and the defendant, El Azul  
3 and yourself. Who are the Beltran Leyvas that you're  
4 testifying to?

5 A Well, mainly Arturo Beltran, Hector Beltran and Alfredo  
6 Beltran.

7 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: I'd like to show some exhibits to  
8 the witness, please.

9 Q I'm showing you Government's Exhibit 5 and Government's  
10 Exhibit 31.

11 A Alfredo Beltran.

12 Q And Government's Exhibit 5?

13 A Hector Beltran.

14 Q And how do you recognize them?

15 A Well, I know them. We're from the same area. I spent  
16 time with them.

17 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
18 Government's Exhibit 5 and 31.

19 MR. PURPURA: No objection.

20 THE COURT: Received.

21 (So marked.)

22 Q Just showing the jury Exhibit 5. Who is that?

23 A Hector Beltran.

24 Q Did he have any nicknames?

25 A El H.



1 Q Is that "H"?

2 A Yes, the letter "H."

3 Q "H"? Okay. And Government's Exhibit 31, who is that?

4 A Alfredo, Alfredo Beltran.

5 Q Did he have any nicknames?

6 A Mochomo.

7 Q Now, when Azul explained to you that he had been working  
8 together with Chapo, your brother Mayo, Amado and the Beltran  
9 Leyvas, what did you understand this to mean?

10 A Well, that we were a new organization.

11 Q During the same period of time in the early 1990s, who  
12 was Amado Carrillo's top lieutenant?

13 A Vicente Carrillo Leyva.

14 Q Vicente Carrillo, what is his second name?

15 A Leyva -- excuse me. Fuentes. Excuse me. I made a  
16 mistake.

17 Q Now, I'm going to show you -- actually, did you know  
18 Vicente Carrillo Fuentes?

19 A Yes, of course.

20 Q I'm going to show you what's marked for identification as  
21 Government's Exhibit 10. Who is this?

22 A That's Vicente Carrillo Fuentes, Amado's brother.

23 Q How do you recognize him as that?

24 A I know him well. I spent a lot of time with him.

25 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit

1 Government's Exhibit 10.

2 THE COURT: Received without objection.

3 MR. PURPURA: I'm sorry. No objection. I  
4 apologize.

5 THE COURT: That's okay.

6 (So marked.)

7 Q Is this Vicente Carrillo Fuentes?

8 A That's right.

9 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: And now, Your Honor, I'm just  
10 going to move over here to use this exhibit. Excuse me while  
11 I relocate.

12 Q Now, Mr. Zambada, using Government's Exhibit 1B, 2A, 4,  
13 5B, 31, 6, 7, 9 and 78 which I actually think I forgot back  
14 there, can you explain to the jury how the group you've just  
15 described was organized in or about 1992?

16 A Yes, of course.

17 Q Now, you testified that Amado Carrillo and El Azul were  
18 partners at that time?

19 A That's right.

20 Q And they were the leaders of the organization at that  
21 time?

22 A That's right.

23 Q I'm sorry. We have Government Exhibit 6.

24 And who are Azul's and Amado's partners at the time?

25 A Amado was with my brother, Ismael Zambada Garcia, and

1 Amado with my brother and Azul with Chapo.

2 Q Government's Exhibit 6 is Azul?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And where does he go here?

5 A Right next to Amado.

6 Q And how about you, where would you go in this  
7 organization?

8 A Under my brother.

9 Q And Arturo Beltran Leyva?

10 A Under Chapo and Azul.

11 Q And Hector Beltran Leyva?

12 A The side beside Arturo.

13 Q And Vicente Carrillo?

14 A Under Amado.

15 Q And how about Alfredo Beltran Leyva?

16 A Under his siblings, his brothers.

17 Q Can you see it?

18 A Yes, I can see it.

19 Q How about Nacho Coronel, where was Nacho Coronel in this  
20 organization in 1992?

21 A He would be beside Chapo.

22 Q And what about German, the individual you testified was  
23 running Juarez at the time?

24 A Under me.

25 Q Now, by what name was this group known in 1992?

1 A Well, this organization at that time started being known  
2 as the Federation.

3 Q And who started calling it the Federation?

4 A Well, the government.

5 Q Now, overtime, did the name of this group change?

6 A That's right.

7 Q And what did it change to?

8 A To the Sinaloa Cartel.

9 Q Now, directing your attention to 1992, the same time  
10 period, were your brother Mayo and the defendant still  
11 fighting together against the Arellano Felixes?

12 A That's right.

13 Q Do you know about an incident that happened at a place  
14 called Cristine's?

15 A That's right.

16 Q How do you know about that?

17 A Well, Cristine's is a nightclub that was trending at that  
18 time in Puerto Vallarta. My brother Mayo told me --

19 MR. PURPURA: Objection. This is nonresponsive to  
20 the question. How do you, the basis of the information,  
21 rather than the information itself.

22 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Your Honor, he was just about to  
23 answer that question.

24 THE COURT: I will strike the answer if he doesn't  
25 answer it but I think he is going to answer it.

1 Let's proceed. You may answer the question.

2 THE INTERPRETER: Can you ask it again?

3 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Sure.

4 Q How did you know about what happened at Cristine's?

5 A My brother Mayo told me about it since before it  
6 happened, that Chapo was about to kill Ramon in this place  
7 because he had information that Ramon was, would frequently  
8 come to this nightclub in Puerto Vallarta.

9 Q And what was the purpose of Mayo telling you about this  
10 incident at Cristine's right before it happened?

11 A It was a normal topic between us at that time because we  
12 were at war with the Arellano Felixes.

13 Q You mentioned Ramon Arellano Felix. Who is Ramon  
14 Arellano Felix?

15 A He was the, the boss of the Sicarios for the Tijuana  
16 cartel.

17 Q What did Mayo tell you about what was going to happen at  
18 Cristine's?

19 A He told me that it was almost a given that there was  
20 going to be an attack on Ramon's life and that Chapo was going  
21 to kill him.

22 Q Did you have an understanding why Chapo wanted to kill  
23 Ramon Arellano?

24 A Well, he had a war with, with Chapo even before my  
25 brother Mayo did. We went into the war when they became

1 uni ted.

2 Q And what exactly did Mayo tell you about what was going  
3 to happen at Cristine's?

4 A That Chapo was going to kill Ramon.

5 Q Did you find out if an attack on Cristine's happened?

6 A Yes.

7 Q How did you find out?

8 A Well, the attack was made on Ramon at the nightclub. My  
9 brother Mayo told me my Compa Chapo went there and tried to  
10 kill him but he escaped but they killed several gunmen and  
11 some other people were dead too.

12 Q Did you have an understanding why Mayo told you about  
13 this event at Cristine's?

14 A He was bemoaning the fact that Ramon hadn't been killed  
15 because he was a very dangerous enemy.

16 Q And just to be clear, was anyone killed in Cristine's  
17 during this attack?

18 A Yes. Several of Ramon's gunmen were killed and several  
19 people who were there as customers.

20 Q Did the war with the Arellano Felixes affect your drug  
21 business?

22 A Yes, certainly.

23 Q How did it affect your business?

24 A Well, first of all, we couldn't use the border at  
25 Tijuana. And it was a very violent war. We had to all watch

1 out for ourselves because there were many dead people.

2 Q Mr. Zambada, what is a peace meeting?

3 A Well, it's a meeting among leaders in drug trafficking to  
4 reach a peace agreement when there is a war.

5 THE COURT: Ms. Parlovecchio, when you reach a  
6 convenient time.

7 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Is it?

9 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Actually, just a few more  
10 questions. I'm almost at the end of the topic.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 Q I'm going to direct your attention to the end of 1993.  
13 What, if anything, did your brother Mayo do to stop the war  
14 with the Arellano Felixes around that time?

15 A A peace meeting was established from within the Sinaloa  
16 group and the Arellano Felixes.

17 Q Who attended this peace meeting on behalf of the Sinaloa  
18 Cartel?

19 A Amado Carrillo Fuentes went and with him went my nephew,  
20 Vicente Zambada Niebla.

21 Q I'm going to show you what's marked for identification as  
22 Government's Exhibit 101. Who is this?

23 A That's my nephew, Vicente Zambada Niebla.

24 Q How do you recognize him?

25 A He grew up with me.

1 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
2 Government Exhibit 101.

3 MR. PURPURA: No objection.

4 THE COURT: Received.

5 (So marked.)

6 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Publish? Thank you.

7 Q And just to be clear, who was Amado and your nephew  
8 representing in this peace meeting with the Arellano Felixes?

9 A To the Sinaloa group which was called the Federation at  
10 that time.

11 Q And who did that include?

12 A It included Chapo, my brother Mayo, Azul, Nacho Coronel,  
13 myself.

14 Q Did anyone tell you what happened at this peace meeting  
15 between Arellano Felixes, Amado Carrillo and your nephew  
16 Vicente?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Who told you?

19 A My nephew Vicente and Amado Carrillo.

20 Q When did they tell you what happened?

21 A When they came back from Tijuana.

22 Q What did they tell you about what happened at this peace  
23 meeting?

24 A That the Arellano Felixes did not want to accept the  
25 peace treaty and that they were almost killed.



1 Q Who was almost killed?

2 A Amado and my nephew Vicente.

3 Q Now, what happened as a result of this failed peace  
4 meeting?

5 A Well, Amado said that now, for real, everyone was going  
6 to fight with the Arellano Felixes and the whole organization  
7 was going to, and a very powerful war started.

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1 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Your Honor, I think this is a  
2 good time to break.

3 THE COURT: Okay. We will break until 12:45, 12:50.

4 Ladies and gentlemen, your lunch is there. Please  
5 don't talk about the case. Talk about anything else. We'll  
6 see you at 1:25:0 -- sorry. 1:50, not 12:50.

7 (Jury exits.)

8 THE COURT: Okay. Recess until 1:50.

9 (Luncheon recess.)

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION

2 1:50 p.m.

3 THE COURT: Let's have the jury, please. Maybe try  
4 to pick up a faster pace, cut some things out. Think about  
5 it. I'm not ordering you, I'm suggesting.

6 (Jury enters.)

7 THE COURT: Everyone be seated. We'll continue with  
8 direct examination.

9 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Thank you, your Honor.

10 JESUS ZAMBADA GARCIA,

11 called as a witness, having been previously duly

12 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

13 DIRECT EXAMINATION

14 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO (Continued):

15 Q Mr. Zambada, during the break we placed some names on the  
16 board here, which includes 2B, 9, 6, 1A, 7, 99, 10, 4, 5, 78,  
17 and 31.

18 Can you see the names?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Do these look correct to you, the names you testified  
21 to?

22 A Yes, certainly.

23 Q And during this period of time in 1992, were there other  
24 cartels, other than the Sinaloa cartel?

25 A Yes, of course.

1 Q And during your entire time with the Sinaloa cartel from  
2 1987 to 2008, what were some of the cartels you were aware of  
3 in Mexico.

4 A Arellano Felix cartel; the Tamaulipas cartel, the  
5 Federation, as it was called at that time; then there was the  
6 Sinaloa cartel; the Zetas; the Gulf cartel, to name a few.

7 Q Now, I'm going to direct your attention to approximately  
8 the middle of 1993.

9 Are you aware of something happening to the  
10 Defendant at this time?

11 A Yes, of course.

12 Q What happened?

13 A The Arellano Felix brothers wanted to kill him at the  
14 airport in Guadalajara.

15 Q Are you aware of the events that led up to this incident  
16 in Guadalajara?

17 A Yes.

18 Q How did you learn about it?

19 A Juan Jose Esparragoza, Azul, told me about it.

20 Q When did you have this conversation with Azul?

21 A Some days after the situation had gone on.

22 Q What did El Azul tell you about the incident at  
23 Guadalajara airport?

24 A Well, he told me that the Arellano forces wanted to kill  
25 Chapo, they were waiting for him at the airport, but that,

1     Luckily, he got there before the sicarios and Ramon got there.

2                 And afterwards, Cardinal Posados arrived there and  
3     he was in a car that was the same as the one that Chapo had,  
4     and Ramon and the sicarios killed the cardinal thinking that  
5     it was Chapo.

6     Q     Do you know what happened to the Defendant after this  
7     incident at the airport?

8     A     Well, he started to be a very wanted man because the  
9     authorities were saying that it was him who had killed the  
10    cardinal, that Chapo was. Chapo escaped to Guatemala, and the  
11    military captured him in Guatemala.

12    Q     What happened after the military captured the Defendant  
13    in Guatemala?

14                 MR. PURPURA: Just --

15                 THE COURT: Stop, stop.

16                 You need a foundation for this.

17                 MR. PURPURA: Thank you.

18    Q     Did you learn what happened to the Defendant after he was  
19    captured by the military in Guatemala?

20    A     He was extradited to Mexico.

21    Q     How did you learn about that?

22    A     Well, the same way we were all, you know, very aware and  
23    trying to find out what happened. We were all friends.

24                 So, two or three days later he was extradited.

25    Q     Who is "we"?

1 A Well, like, it was Juan Jose Esparragoza Azul, Amado  
2 Carillo, my brother, myself.

3 Q Are you aware of whether the Defendant continued  
4 trafficking drugs after he was sent to jail?

5 A Well, Arturo Guzman, his brother, continued to work  
6 outside the organization in his place.

7 Q In whose place?

8 A In Chapo's place, for himself and for Chapo.

9 Q Who is Arturo Guzman?

10 A Arturo Guzman was Chapo's brother.

11 Q Did you know Arturo Guzman?

12 A Yes, of course.

13 Q Did Arturo Guzman have any nicknames?

14 A Yes, they called him El Pollito.

15 Q When did you first meet Arturo Guzman?

16 A I met him in the year 1997 in Acapulco.

17 Q How did you come to meet him at that time?

18 A Well, I asked Juan Jose Esparragoza Azul to get me an  
19 appointment for a meeting with Arturo Beltran Leyva.

20 Q Did he set up this meeting, Azul?

21 A Yes, he did.

22 Q What was the purpose of this meeting that you wanted set  
23 up with Arturo Beltran Leyva?

24 A My brother Mario had asked me to meet with him to ask him  
25 for support in order to receive a ship with cocaine on the

1 coastline of Guerrero.

2 Q Who came to this meeting?

3 Did you actually attend that meeting with the  
4 Beltran Leyvas?

5 A Yes, that's right.

6 Q Who came to this meeting?

7 A Well, the meeting was with Hector. Arturo sent Hector  
8 Beltran.

9 Q Did anyone else go to this meeting?

10 A I went with my wife and Hector also brought his wife.  
11 So, it was the two of us sitting together talking.

12 Q And did there come a point at which you meant Arturo  
13 Guzman?

14 A Exactly.

15 Q When?

16 A It was some days later, approximately maybe a month  
17 later.

18 Q And are you aware of what Arturo Guzman was doing for the  
19 Defendant when you met him?

20 A He went working bringing ships of cocaine from Colombia  
21 with the Beltran Leyva's brothers; Arturo, Alfredo, and  
22 Hector.

23 Q To be clear, there's an Arturo Beltran Leyva and an  
24 Arturo Guzman involved in these shipments?

25 A Exactly.

1 Q Now, what did you know about the Beltran Leyvas' drug  
2 trafficking capacity in Guerrero\during this period?

3 A Well, once I established a relationship with him, they  
4 asked me to have my brother Mario go and meet with them.

5 Q Established a relationship with whom?

6 A With Arturo Guzman, Arturo Beltran, and Hector Beltran.

7 Q And did your brother Mayo plan cocaine shipments with  
8 them?

9 A Exactly.

10 Q What were the details of the shipment that your brother  
11 planned with Arturo Guzman and the Beltran Leyvas in Guerrero?

12 A It was a ship that was coming with six or seven tons. It  
13 was going to arrive near the coastline of Acapulco.

14 Q Did you and your brother Mayo do any other cocaine  
15 shipments with Arturo Guzman and the Beltran Leyvas after  
16 that?

17 A Yes.

18 Q When?

19 A In 1998, Arturo Beltran and Arturo Guzman asked for  
20 support from my brother to receive cocaine shipments in  
21 Chiapas.

22 Q And just using Government Exhibit 502, can you remind the  
23 jury where Chiapas is?

24 (Exhibit published to the jury.)

25 A This area precisely here, that's Chiapas. And it's the



1 coastline here, the water -- this is Guatemala here, and over  
2 here Chiapas.

3 Q What was your role in these Chiapas shipments with Arturo  
4 Guzman, Arturo Beltran Leyva, and your brother Mayo?

5 A My brother asked me to support him with the logistics to  
6 receive these loads of cocaine that were going to arrive for  
7 Arturo Beltran and Arturo Guzman.

8 Q How did these Chiapas shipments work?

9 A They would arrive in fast boats.

10 Q How large were the shipments?

11 A Three tons.

12 Q And who would receive these shipments?

13 A Benny and Marquitos.

14 Q How often did Benny and Marquitos receive these shipments  
15 of cocaine on fast boats?

16 A Between three and four times a year. And on occasion, it  
17 would come double; two boats, fast boats.

18 Q Over what period of time did you do these Chiapas  
19 shipments?

20 A From 1998 to 2003.

21 Q Now, you mentioned that someone named Benny received  
22 these cocaine shipments.

23 Who is Benny?

24 A Benny is also a leader of the Sinaloa cartel who works  
25 receiving maritime shipments of cocaine.

1 Q I'm showing you what's marked for identification  
2 Government's Exhibit 44.

3 Who is seeing this?

4 A That's Benny.

5 Q How do you recognize him?

6 A Well, I spent a lot of time with him.

7 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The Government moves to admit  
8 Government Exhibit 44.

9 MR. PURPURA: No objection.

10 THE COURT: Received.

11 (Government Exhibit 44 so marked.)

12 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: Publish?

13 (Exhibit published to the jury.)

14 Q Is this Benny?

15 A Correct.

16 Q And he received these cocaine shipments with Marquitos?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Who is Marquitos?

19 A Marquitos is, well, Benny's right-hand man, his second in  
20 command for operations.

21 Q Are you aware of who supplied Arturo Guzman and the  
22 Beltran Leyvas with cocaine during this period when they were  
23 receiving shipments in Chiapas?

24 A Well, the Valle cartel.

25 Q How do you know about that?

1 A Well, Arturito commented to me one time it was the people  
2 from Cali and the Valle cartel who were sending them.

3 Q When you're referring to "Arturito," which of the two  
4 Arturo are you referring to?

5 A Arturito Guzman. We also called him that, we called him  
6 Arturito.

7 Q Did you have an understanding whether Arturito Guzman and  
8 the Beltran Leyvas were doing the Chiapas shipments on behalf  
9 of the Defendant?

10 A Arturito commented to me that he was working on this for  
11 himself and for his brother, that he was the head of the  
12 family and he was doing it to help them out.

13 Q Who was the head of the family?

14 A Chapo.

15 Q Do you know whether Arturito, or Arturo, Guzman was  
16 communicating with the Defendant when the Defendant was in  
17 prison?

18 A Yes.

19 Q How do you know about that?

20 A Arturito commented to me that he would speak with him on  
21 the phone through the lawyers.

22 Q Both on the phone and through the lawyers?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Now, when the Defendant was in prison, did you have any  
25 discussions with Arturo Guzman about getting him out,

1 generally?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What did you discuss with him?

4 A Well, Arturo said that his first purpose in life was to  
5 get him out, that he was -- that he was using the attorneys  
6 and that he was very hopeful, that he wanted to get him out.

7 Q Sir, when you say "he wanted to get him out," who do you  
8 mean? Who wanted to get whom out?

9 A Arturo wanted to get Chapo out of jail.

10 Q Other than Arturo Guzman, did you hear anyone else  
11 generally discuss getting the Defendant out of jail?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Who?

14 A I heard my brother. My brother two or three times  
15 commented to me that Chapo was going to get out soon, that  
16 they were very close to making the arrangements to get him  
17 out.

18 Q I'm going to direct your attention to December of the  
19 year 2000.

20 What, if anything, did your brother Mayo say to you  
21 about the Defendant getting out of jail?

22 A He said to me, It's very soon that he's going to get out.  
23 Now they're going to get him out.

24 And I said to him, Are the attorneys going to get  
25 him out?

1 And he said, Yes.

2 And I said, okay. That's good. I'm really happy.

3 Q Did you have any other discussions with your brother Mayo  
4 about the Defendant getting out of jail after that  
5 conversation?

6 A Yes. In mid January -- and now we're in 2001 -- my  
7 brother came to my house in Acapulco. He said, We have to  
8 leave. I want you to come with me. We have to leave because  
9 now my compa Chapo is going to get out of jail.

10 And I said, When is he out?

11 He said to me, He's going to escape.

12 And he said, And this place, Guerrero, is the first  
13 place that they're going to come looking for him because this  
14 is where Chapo has always been.

15 Q What happened after you had this conversation with your  
16 brother Mayo?

17 A We left to Mexico City.

18 Q What happened next?

19 A Maybe four, five days later, he called me and he said,  
20 Come. I need to talk with you.

21 I went to visit him, and he said, My compa Chapo  
22 escaped.

23 And I said, Oh, that's good.

24 Q And where were you when you had this conversation with  
25 your brother Mayo?

1 A At his house.

2 Q What else did you discuss during that conversation?

3 A He said to me, I want to ask for your support. With all  
4 those friends that you have inside the government, if they  
5 hear anything or you hear anything about locations or  
6 operations, to let me know.

7 Q When Mayo told you to listen to your friends in the  
8 Government about any operations, what did you understand that  
9 to mean?

10 A Mayo said to me, I'm going to be doing this also myself  
11 with my friends, that if I had heard anything that they  
12 located him or are planning to recapture him, that we were  
13 going to go do something to help him out.

14 Q Who are these friends?

15 A PGR friends, military friends, PFP, intelligence.

16 Q What, if anything, did you hear from your Government  
17 connections after the Defendant escaped?

18 A I know that they were searching for him, that more or  
19 less they knew where he was, but that nobody knew anything.

20 My brother did have more precise information about  
21 what was going on.

22 Q Do you know whether your brother provided assistance to  
23 Chapo right after his escape?

24 A That's right.

25 Q How do you know about that?

1 A Well, after a few days, I don't know, maybe ten or twelve  
2 days, my brother called me and said, Come over. I need to see  
3 you.

4 So, I went to see him. He said, Look, I need you to  
5 help me. I need you to find some coordinates where a  
6 helicopter can land. And it needs to be a safe location.

7 Q What did you do?

8 A I went to find the coordinates. I returned back and I  
9 showed them to him and I said, Here's the location.

10 And he said, Okay. We're going to go and receive my  
11 compa Chapo. We're going to rescue him because they're going  
12 to grab him where he is.

13 Q And who was going to grab him?

14 A The special military forces operation.

15 Q Who arranged for this helicopter?

16 A My brother Mayo.

17 Q And you testified that you got the coordinates for where  
18 the helicopter was going to land.

19 A That's right.

20 Q Where did you plan for the helicopter to land with the  
21 Defendant?

22 A In Querataro.

23 (Exhibit published to the jury.)

24 Q Using Government Exhibit 502 in evidence, can you show  
25 the jury where you planned for the helicopter to land for the

1 Defendant?

2 A Querataro. And the helicopter was going to land close to  
3 the city of San Juan del Rio.

4 Q To your knowledge, who learned about where the helicopter  
5 was going to land for Chapo?

6 A Just my brother and me, his brother Arturo, and the  
7 pilot.

8 Q And how did Mayo communicate to Chapo about this  
9 helicopter plan?

10 A Through his brother Arturo Guzman.

11 Q Who was the helicopter pilot who was going to pick up the  
12 Defendant?

13 A His name was Patricio.

14 Q Did Patricio, in fact, pick up the Defendant in the  
15 helicopter?

16 A Yes, he picked him up.

17 Q How do you know?

18 A My brother and I went to receive him.

19 Q Can you describe what happened the day that Patricio took  
20 the helicopter to pick the Defendant up?

21 A Well, that same day my brother said to me, He's going to  
22 come tomorrow. Come for me at 5 a.m., early, because he's  
23 going to arrive early. So, come and pick me up at 5 a.m.

24 I went by to get him, and we went to receive him.

25 And around 7 a.m., maybe a little bit before, the helicopter



1 appeared, and Chapo was in it.

2 Q What did the area look like where the helicopter landed?

3 A It was a semi-deserted location. There's some  
4 medium-sized bushes, a lot of open space, flat. Suited for  
5 that.

6 Q Who was present when the helicopter landed?

7 A My brother Mario, Chichi, Chepe, my wife, and I.

8 Q Who is your wife?

9 A Patty.

10 Q And why was your wife there?

11 A Well, normally, we were always together and she would  
12 always go with me when I would, you know, say good-bye to my  
13 brother. He used the helicopter. And I didn't want to tell  
14 her that it was Chapo that we were going to receive.

15 So, she said, I'll go with you. You know, we'll go  
16 say good-bye to your brother. Why don't you want me to come?

17 And I said, Okay. Let's go.

18 Q You also mentioned that somebody named Chichi was there  
19 as well.

20 Who's Chichi?

21 A Workers.

22 Q And Chepe?

23 A Also a worker.

24 Q Now, what happened after the helicopter landed?

25 A Well, Chapo got out. My brother was very happy and he

1 was too. They embraced each other. He introduced me to him.

2 That was the first time I met him in person.

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1 BY MS. PARLOVECCHIO:

2 Q After the defendant greeted you and your brother, what  
3 happened next?

4 A We left for Mexico City.

5 Q Who drove to Mexico City?

6 A I drove. My wife was with me and Chapo.

7 Q Where did Chapo sit in the car?

8 A In the back seat.

9 Q How long was the drive to Mexico City?

10 A Maybe two hours and 45 minutes approximately.

11 Q What do you remember from the drive?

12 A Well, we spoke about normal things. When we were getting  
13 close to the tollbooth I told him to put a newspaper in front  
14 of his face so that the camera would not show his face because  
15 he was very wanted then.

16 Q What happened when you entered Mexico City?

17 A Well, over there the police that worked for me were  
18 waiting for me. There was a police car for the district  
19 judicial police and motorcycle for the district police. The  
20 motorcycle went in front of us. There was judicial police  
21 behind us.

22 Q What if any reaction did the defendant have when he saw  
23 all these police surrounding you?

24 A Well, he had the natural reaction. He got worried. But  
25 I said don't worry about it. These are our people. They are

1 here to protect us. No one is going to touch us from here  
2 now.

3 Q Where did you take the defendant in Mexico City?

4 A To my brother Mayo's house.

5 Q Where was the house located?

6 A In the neighborhood of Reforma Lomas.

7 Q Who was present at Mayo's house when you brought the  
8 defendant there?

9 A Primo Tono was there. And the girls that helped my  
10 brother out, they were in the house, two sisters.

11 Q What happened after you all arrived at Mayo's house?

12 A Well, my brother and Chapo started to chat and I talked  
13 to them for a little bit. Everyone was super happy.

14 Q When you were at Mayo's house, did you and Mayo discuss  
15 where the defendant was going to stay?

16 A That's right.

17 Q What did you discuss?

18 A Well, my brother asked me if I could loan him a ranch  
19 that I had so that he can stay there for a while.

20 Q And what did you say?

21 A I told him that if he wanted me to, I can take him with  
22 me and I can keep him with me for a month or two or however  
23 much time he deemed necessary.

24 Q Who did you take with you?

25 A Chapo. But I did clear up with him what you want was for

1 me to lend him my ranch so he could bring his armed people and  
2 all his friends, that's not going to work, that ranch is not  
3 going to work for them.

4 Q Whose people?

5 A Chapo's.

6 Q Did you have an understanding why the defendant had armed  
7 people around him at that time?

8 A Well, he was fleeing from the police. He obviously  
9 didn't want to be recaptured.

10 Q What, if anything, did you hear the defendant and your  
11 brother Mayo discuss while you were at Mayo's house that day?

12 A Well, I listened to them talk for awhile. They were  
13 talking about their plans. They said now we're going to work.  
14 We're together again. It's so good that we're all fine, you  
15 know. They're happy. They were happy.

16 Q When you heard them say let's work together, what did you  
17 understand that to mean, what kind of work?

18 A To our work, bringing cocaine from Colombia, drug  
19 trafficking.

20 Q Did you ever speak to your brother Mayo about how the  
21 defendant escaped from jail?

22 A Yes. Some days or months later my brother told me about  
23 how it had happened.

24 Q What did he tell you?

25 A Well, he told me that they were worried because there was

1 a man named Chito who was a correctional officer at the  
2 prison, had escaped with him, with Chapo. Because he had been  
3 the one who helped me get out. My brother told me he had  
4 helped them, he had taken them out in the laundry cart.

5 Q Just to be clear, you said that Chito -- what was Chito's  
6 role in helping the defendant escape from jail?

7 A Well, what my brother told me is he said Chito took out  
8 Chapo in a laundry cart from the prison. And he put him in  
9 the laundry truck and that's the way that he got out of the  
10 prison, Chapo did, and Chito went with him. And now Chito  
11 wants to turn himself over to the police he told me. And my  
12 Compa Chapo is worried and I am too. And I said, well let him  
13 turn himself in. What can he say, just the truth? So he  
14 said, well, let's see what happens.

15 Q Now, taking a step back, right after you helped the  
16 defendant with his escape, approximately how long did the  
17 defendant stay at Mayo's house in Mexico City?

18 A He stayed for only one day. Two days later, he moved out  
19 from there. That's Chapo.

20 Q And how do you know about that?

21 A Because, two days later my brother called me and I went  
22 to see him and I could see that Chapo was not there any more.  
23 And I asked them, I said what happened with El Senor. He told  
24 me he left. He went to a ranch belonging to my compadre  
25 Barbarino and he told me I want you to take me to see him.

1 This is the address. He showed me a piece of paper.

2 Q Where was Barbarino's ranch located?

3 A It was located about an hour and fifteen minutes from my  
4 brother's house in the State of Mexico City.

5 Q I'm showing what's marked for identification as  
6 Government's Exhibit 506-11. What is this?

7 A It's a map of the State of Mexico.

8 Q How do you recognize this?

9 A Well, I know the state very well.

10 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: The government moves to admit  
11 Government's Exhibit 506-11.

12 MR. PURPURA: No objection.

13 THE COURT: Received.

14 (So marked.)

15 Q Mr. Zambada, using Government's Exhibit 506-11, can you  
16 show us where Barbarino's ranch was located?

17 A It's here, you know near -- coming from the Mexico City,  
18 from the Queretaro direction. When you're going to where the  
19 tollbooth is, Toluca from Queretaro, there's an exit to Villas  
20 del Carbon. From that exit the ranch was about half hour  
21 away.

22 Q Who is Barbarino?

23 A Barbarino was one of the most feared and famous gunmen  
24 that Chapo had and as well as Arturo Beltran Leyva.

25 Q Did you take your brother Mayo to Barbarino's ranch?

1 A That's right.

2 Q What did the ranch look like?

3 A It was a small ranch with a big house made out of the  
4 wood, kind of the type that you have here in the U.S.

5 Q Who was present at Barbarino's ranch when you arrived?

6 A Barbarino and his wife was there, Arturo Guzman.  
7 Javier, Barbarino, my compa, Juan Azul Esparragoza.

8 Q How long were you at the ranch?

9 A We were there for about two hours.

10 Q And what was discussed at this meeting?

11 A Well, same things, that they were settling down. Chapo  
12 was a little concerned about, you know, finding a place to be,  
13 to settle in.

14 Q What, if anything, did you hear discussed about the drug  
15 business?

16 A Same thing as the first time. Like, let's see what we  
17 can do. We have to start working.

18 Q Who was saying this?

19 A My brother Mayo and Chapo.

20 Q Now, after this occasion, did you meet with Chapo at  
21 Barbarino's ranch again?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Who was present at the second meeting?

24 A It was the same, there was Juan Jose Esparragoza El Azul,  
25 there was Barbarino, there was Javier, Arturo Guzman and



1 there was a Colombian woman named Christina.

2 Q Who was the Colombian woman named Christina?

3 A Well, Arturito Guzman told me she is a Colombian woman  
4 who has been a friend of my brother's for many years. She has  
5 brought cocaine shipments for my brother many times. She's  
6 very good to work with. And she came to see my brother, well,  
7 you know, to see if we can start working together.

8 Q Now, did you speak with the defendant at the second  
9 meeting?

10 A Yes. I spoke to him.

11 Q And did you ever hear any conversations between the  
12 defendant and your brother Mayo?

13 A For a while.

14 Q What did you hear during that discussion?

15 A Well, my brother said, look, you know, I have good  
16 infrastructure in Chiapas. We have very good land transport.  
17 They were talking about business. He said my brother has very  
18 good controls here in Mexico City, through the airports,  
19 things like that and then he said, okay, then we have to get  
20 together, start working together. Don't worry. Everything's  
21 ready so we can start working.

22 Q Who said that last part?

23 A My brother Mayo told that to Chapo. Whatever you need,  
24 you can count on it. We have the equipment.

25 Q What did the defendant say to this?

1 A He said, yeah, I'm going to start again. I'm going to  
2 organize my people. I'm going to organize my things. There's  
3 my brother Arturo and there's Arturo Beltran, so let's do  
4 this. And after that I left the conversation that was part of  
5 what they talked about -- I'm sorry -- they talked away from  
6 where I was.

7 Q So you stepped off to the side while they continued to  
8 talk?

9 A Yes. Arturito, his brother and I were really close  
10 friends from my times in Acapulco. We got along together very  
11 well.

12 Q Arturito Guzman, was he the defendant's younger brother  
13 or older brother?

14 A Younger.

15 Q Did you have any other meetings with the defendant at  
16 Barbarino's ranch?

17 A Yes. There was another meeting.

18 Q And who entered this other meeting?

19 A Again there was Christina, my wife, Barbarino, his wife,  
20 Javier, Arturito, Azul I think was there again.

21 Q Were there other meetings after that meeting at  
22 Barbarino's?

23 A Yes. We had some more and we talked about some of the  
24 same things. Chapo was concerned about where he should settle  
25 down. He was thinking about a ranch in the area of says

1 Tejupeco. I told him that that was not a great area. My  
2 brother told him let's go to Sinaloa. I hold control over  
3 there. Let's go to your native lands.

4 Q Now, what, if anything, do you remember about the last  
5 meeting you had with the defendant at Barbarino's ranch?

6 A The last meeting was to christen a son of Barbarino's.  
7 My brother and Mayo and Chapo christened him.

8 Q Who was present at that baptism?

9 A Chapo, my brother, who was the godfather, my wife,  
10 Christina, Barbarino and his wife, Arturito Guzman, El Azul,  
11 Kiki Fernandez and other people that I didn't know. It was a  
12 very private thing. It was maybe a group of about 20 people.

13 Q Who brought the priest?

14 A I took the priest.

15 Q Did the priest meet your brother?

16 A Yes.

17 Q How about the defendant?

18 A Also.

19 Q Without telling us what the priest said, what was the  
20 priest's demeanor when he met your brother and Chapo?

21 A Well, he was surprised. He looked a little bit nervous.

22 Q Did you have an understanding why the priest had that  
23 reaction?

24 A Well, Chapo was coming out on the news all the time and  
25 my brother also.

1 Q Did Chapo stay at Barbarino's ranch?

2 A No. After that meeting Chapo left.

3 Q Now, after the defendant escaped from jail in 2001, was  
4 the war still going on with the Arellano Felixes?

5 A Yes. It still was continuing, continuing fighting  
6 against the Arellano Felix.

7 Q Who was Chapo aligned with in the war against the  
8 Arellano Felixes in 2001?

9 A With my brother Mayo.

10 Q What, if anything, do you recall Chapo and Mayo doing  
11 with regard to the Arellano Felixes at this time?

12 A They killed Ramon.

13 Q Who told you about the killing of Ramon?

14 A My brother commented to me that Chapo was going to help  
15 him with his people to kill him in Mazatlan.

16 Q This is Ramon Arellano?

17 A Yes, Ramon Arellano.

18 Q Approximately when did you have this conversation with  
19 Mayo about Chapo killing Ramon Arellano?

20 A In 2002, beginning of 2003, more or less I think.

21 Q What was your understanding of why the defendant wanted  
22 Ramon Arellano Felix dead?

23 A Ramon Arellano had killed many of Chapo's friends and  
24 friend of ours too. They had killed our brother. He was very  
25 dangerous.

1 Q Just to be clear, this is the same Ramon Arellano who the  
2 defendant tried to kill at Christina's in 1992?

3 A Exactly.

4 Q Are you aware of how Ramon Arellano was murdered?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How do you know about this?

7 A My brother talked to me.

8 Q What did your brother Mayo tell you?

9 A He told me that they located him in Mazatlan, in Sinaloa,  
10 that they had him stopped with the police. He didn't stop.  
11 He tried to get away until he got right across from a hotel  
12 and then he got out and he ran. He wanted to go in the hotel.  
13 They shot him. They put a bullet in his neck and he fell down  
14 dead.

15 Q Who shot Ramon Arellano?

16 A My brother didn't tell me precisely who.

17 Q Did you ever hear the defendant speak about Ramon  
18 Arellano's death?

19 A On occasion, up in the mountains we would talk about  
20 that.

21 Q And what did you hear him say about it?

22 A That if anything had really given him pleasure it was to  
23 have killed Ramon Arellano.

24 Q Approximately when did that conversation take place?

25 A Maybe -- I don't remember exactly. But more or less

1 maybe 2005.

2 Q Now, you testified earlier that your brother suggested  
3 that the defendant go to Sinaloa.

4 THE COURT: Is this a good time for a break?

5 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: We can stop here.

6 THE COURT: We'll take our midafternoon break,  
7 ladies and gentlemen. We'll be back in here at 3:20. Please,  
8 do not talk about the case amongst yourselves.

9 See you in a few minutes.

10 (Jury excused.)

11 THE COURT: Okay, we're in recess until 3:20.

12 (Recess taken.)

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1 (In open court; outside the presence of the jury.)

2 THE COURT: Have a seat for a minute.

3 I have been advised that there is a technical  
4 malfunction in the building which may shortly lead to an  
5 electrical outage which would be bad for a lot of reasons.

6 In light of the fact that there is less than an hour  
7 left on the day at this point, my strong inclination, unless  
8 the attorneys try to talk me out of it, is to send the jury  
9 home and we will pick up on Monday.

10 MR. PURPURA: Your Honor, I for one enjoy  
11 Ms. Parlovecchio, she can continue all day, but we'll defer to  
12 the Court.

13 MS. PARLOVECCHIO: We'll also yield to the Court.

14 THE COURT: Let's get the jury and then I will send  
15 them home.

16 If the marshals want to take the witness off the  
17 stand, you can do that. If you want to wait --

18 THE MARSHAL: We'll do that then.

19 (Witness exits the courtroom.)

20 THE COURT: We have one more thing to talk about  
21 after I send the jury home.

22 (Jury enters.)

23 THE COURT: All right. Everyone have a seat.

24 Ladies and gentlemen, there is a technical problem  
25 on this floor, in the building, a technical defect which the

1 fire marshal tells me puts us at some risk for an electrical  
2 outage which would plunge us all into the dark and considering  
3 there are no windows in this room, it would indeed be quite  
4 dark. So, since we have less than an hour on the day anyway,  
5 rather than take that risk, I am going to send you home now.

6 I do want to remind you that we have a long break.  
7 We have a three day weekend coming up. We will be back here  
8 Monday morning at 9:30, but please remember how important it  
9 is that you follow all the admonitions I have given you about  
10 not communicating with anyone, not going on social media,  
11 staying away from any publicity about the case which there  
12 will be, I assure you, just keep away from all of that, and  
13 keep an open mind.

14 Have a very restful weekend. We've got a couple  
15 hard days of work next week. See you then. 9:30.

16 (Jury exits.)

17 THE COURT: Okay. Have a seat.

18 I was told by the marshal that there might be an  
19 issue with some of the lawyers taking pictures. Is there  
20 anything that anybody needs to raise with me? If not, I am  
21 not going to worry about it.

22 MR. BALAREZO: Your Honor, earlier this morning,  
23 with the government's agreement, I took a picture of the chart  
24 that they had, this thing. That was it. That's what we did.

25 THE COURT: Okay. Nobody has a problem? I don't



1 have a problem.

2 MR. BALAREZO: I don't know if that's what the issue  
3 was.

4 THE COURT: I don't know either.

5 Okay. That's all good. We will see you 9:30 sharp  
6 on Monday morning. Sorry about this delay but I think it is  
7 for the best considering the circumstances. I am told when  
8 you are out in the hall, you will immediately appreciate what  
9 the nature of the problem is.

10 Have a good weekend. See you Monday.

11 (Matter adjourned to November 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.)

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